

FEE SCHEDULE - DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS*

PLEASE NOTE: The Judicial Conference has made changes to the Fee Schedule effective November 1, 2003. The changes are in *italics*.

Following are fees to be charged for services to be performed by clerks of the district courts. No fees are to be charged for services rendered on behalf of the United States, with the exception of those specifically prescribed in items 2, 4 and 5. No fees under this schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and Bankruptcy Administrator programs.

A. Filing Fees - New Civil Action

1. The filing fee for a complaint is \$150.00.
2. The filing fee for a notice of removal is \$150.00.
3. The filing fee for an application for writ of habeas corpus is \$5.00.

B. Filing Fee - Appeal

1. *For docketing a case on appeal or review, or docketing any other proceeding, \$255.* A separate fee shall be paid by each party filing a notice of appeal in the district court, but parties filing a joint notice of appeal in the district court are required to pay only one fee. A docketing fee shall not be charged for the docketing of an application for the allowance of an interlocutory appeal under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), unless the appeal is allowed. The costs will be broken down as follows: \$250 as specified in the revised Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, and the \$5.00 fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1917. These fees are payable TO THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK when the notice of appeal is filed.

C. Filing Fee - Miscellaneous Fees

1. *For filing or indexing any document not in a case or proceeding for which a filing fee has been paid, \$39.*
2. *For every search of the records of the district court conducted by the clerk of the district court or a deputy clerk, \$26 per name or item searched.* This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the information requested is available through electronic access.
3. *For certification of any document or paper, whether the certification is made directly on the document or by separate instrument, \$9.* For exemplification of any document or paper, twice the amount of the fee for certification.
4. For reproducing any record or paper, \$.50 per page. This fee shall apply to paper copies made from either: (1) original documents; or (2) microfiche or microfilm reproductions of the original records. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record or paper requested is available through electronic access.
5. *For reproduction of recordings of proceedings, regardless of the medium, \$26, including the cost of materials.* This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States, if the reproduction of the recording is available electronically.

* Issued in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b).

6. For each microfiche sheet of film or microfilm jacket copy of any court record, where available, \$5.
7. *For retrieval of a record from a Federal Records Center, National Archives, or other storage location removed from the place of business of the court, \$45.*
8. *For a check paid into the court which is returned for lack of funds, \$45.*
9. *For an appeal to a district judge from a judgment of conviction by a magistrate in a misdemeanor case, \$32.*
10. For original admission of attorneys to practice, \$100 each, including a certificate of admission. For a duplicate certificate of admission or certificate of good standing, \$15. The fee for filing a motion for leave to appear and practice in a particular case in the District of Massachusetts is \$50.00.
11. The court may charge and collect fees commensurate with the cost of providing copies of the local rules of court. The court may also distribute copies of the local rules without charge.
12. The clerk shall assess a charge for the handling of registry funds deposited with the court, to be assessed from interest earnings and in accordance with the detailed fee schedule issued by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
13. *For filing an action brought under Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, P.L. 104-114, 110 Stat. § 785 (1996), \$5,431. (This fee is in addition to the filing fee prescribed in 28 U.S.C. 1914(a) for instituting any civil action other than a writ of habeas corpus.)*

ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE

Following are fees to be charged by the courts in connection with electronic public access to court records. These fees shall apply to the United States unless otherwise stated. No fees under this schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and bankruptcy administrator programs.

- I. For usage of electronic access to court data via dial up service: sixty cents per minute. For public users obtaining information through a federal judiciary Internet site: seven cents per page. The court may, for good cause, exempt persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information. Attorneys of record and parties in a case (including *pro se* litigants) receive one free electronic copy of all documents filed electronically, if receipt is required by law or directed by the filer. No fee is owed under this provision until an account holder accrues charges of more than \$10 in a calendar year.
- II. For printing copies of any record or document accessed electronically at a public terminal in the courthouse: ten cents per page. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record requested is remotely available through electronic access.
- III. For every search of court records conducted by the PACER Service Center, \$20.